

further notice, such that steel imports of the Republic of Korea without an export certificate received warning messages, but were not rejected.³

The Electronic Certification System (eCERT) is a system developed by CBP that uses electronic data transmissions of information normally associated with a required export document, such as a license or certificate, to facilitate the administration of quotas and ensure that the proper restraint levels are charged without being exceeded. The Republic of Korea currently submits export certificates to CBP via email, and in the administration of the quota, CBP validates the certificate numbers provided by importers on their entry summaries with the information provided by the Republic of Korea. The Republic of Korea requested to participate in the eCERT process to comply with the United States' absolute quota limits for steel exported from the Republic of Korea for importation into the United States. CBP has coordinated with the Republic of Korea to implement the eCERT process, and now the Republic of Korea is ready to participate in this process by transmitting its export certificates to CBP via eCERT.⁴

Foreign countries participating in eCERT transmit information via a global network service provider, which allows connectivity to CBP's automated electronic system for commercial trade processing, ACE. Specific data elements are transmitted to CBP by the importer of record (IOR), or an authorized customs broker, when filing an entry summary with CBP, and those data elements must match eCERT data from the participating country before the subject importations will be entered or withdrawn for consumption. Importers must provide the participating country with their IOR number in advance of filing an entry, and, in turn, the participating country must submit the IOR number as an additional data element of information within the transmission for eCERT.⁵ For entries filed through ACE, additional guidance on the submission of the export certificate information is available in the CBP and Trade Automated Interface Requirements (CATAIR), specifically in the chapter entitled Entry Summary

Create/Update, regarding the record entitled Importer's Additional Declaration Detail (<https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/ace-catair-entry-summary-createupdate-v88>). If a certificate number is not translated properly, the entry will be rejected.

This document announces that the Republic of Korea will be implementing the eCERT process for transmitting export certificates for steel product entries subject to the absolute quota limitation. The entry summary data elements transmitted to CBP for merchandise that is entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after April 22, 2024 must match the eCERT transmission of an export certificate from the Republic of Korea for the merchandise to be entered or withdrawn for consumption. CBP will automatically reject filings without correct eCERT information starting May 20, 2024. The transition to eCERT will not change the absolute quota filing process or requirements. Importers will continue to provide the export certificate numbers from the Republic of Korea in the same manner as when currently filing entry summaries with CBP. The format of the export certificate numbers will not change as a result of the transition to eCERT. CBP will reject entry summaries that otherwise comply with the absolute quota limitations when filed without a valid export certificate in eCERT.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R6-ES-2014-0048; FXES1114060000-245-FF06E22000]

R-Project Transmission Line, Nebraska; Revised Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the American Burying Beetle and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce that we are extending the comment period for the public to review the draft revised habitat conservation plan (HCP)

and draft supplemental environmental impact statement (draft SEIS) associated with Nebraska Public Power District's application under the Endangered Species Act for a permit associated with incidental take of the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*). Comments previously submitted, or provided at public meetings, need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in preparing the final documents.

DATES: Submitting Comments: The comment period for the revised HCP and draft SEIS, notice of which published on February 9, 2024 (89 FR 9171), is extended by 30 days. Comments submitted online at <https://www.regulations.gov/> must be received by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on May 9, 2024. Hardcopy comments must be received on or before May 9, 2024.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The draft SEIS and revised HCP, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS-R6-ES-2014-0048 at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. For information on accessing an on-demand video recording of the March 7, 2024, virtual public meeting, see <https://www.fws.gov/project/r-project-transmission-line>.

Submitting Comments: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments to Docket No. FWS-R6-ES-2014-0048.
- *U.S. Mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R6-ES-2014-0048; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Runge, by phone at (308) 382-6468 or by email at jeff_runge@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TTD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 9, 2024 (89 FR 9171), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announced the availability for public comment of a draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) pursuant to the requirements of the

³ See CSMS #40196360 (October 10, 2019) (initial announcement of the testing period), followed by CSMS #41021976 (December 17, 2019) and CSMS #42445519 (April 21, 2020). Full implementation of the certificate requirement was put on hold, while the United States and the Republic of Korea addressed issues related to the management of the certificates.

⁴ An exporter's KOSA number functions as the eCERT number.

⁵ 87 FR 52015.

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), to evaluate an application for an incidental take permit (ITP) under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) applied for a 50-year permit associated with incidental take of the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*; ABB) during construction, operation, and maintenance of a new transmission line in central Nebraska (known as the R-Project). In support of the application, NPPD submitted a revised HCP, which we also announced for public review. For more information, see <https://www.fws.gov/project/r-project-transmission-line>.

With this notice, we are extending the public comment period on the SEIS and HCP (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). The notice of availability established a 60-day public comment period, ending April 9, 2024. We are extending this comment period until May 9, 2024.

Public Availability of Comments

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. Before including your address, phone number, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—might be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6 and 43 CFR 46.305).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2024-0047; FXIA1671090000-245-FF09A30000]

Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

DATES: We must receive comments by May 6, 2024.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2024-0047.

Submitting Comments: When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2024-0047.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2024-0047; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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Timothy MacDonald, by phone at 703-358-2185 or via email at DMAFR@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I comment on submitted applications?

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and